

STATEMENT SUMMARIZING INTERVIEW

This summarizes a telephone interview conducted with Mr. Vip Patel concerning the filing dated July 27, 2006, entitled "Petition to Withdraw Requirement For Election Between Species".

Mr. Patel advised that in consultation with SPRE Hien Phan, the PTO had decided to give a different treatment to the Petition. According to Mr. Patel, the PTO had decided to treat the Petition as a Request for Reconsideration, and in addition the PTO had decided to grant the Request.

Pursuant to the PTO's grant of the Request for Reconsideration, Mr. Patel advised that there would still be seven different species, and that the Applicant would be bound by his previous election of the species illustrated in Figures 1 through 6, 19 and 20. However, the PTO agreed all of Claims 1 to 10, 20 to 34, and 42 to 56 would read on the elected species. The case would be returned to the Examiner for treatment in accordance with this decision for consideration on the merits of all of Claims 1 to 10, 20 to 34 and 42 to 56.

Mr. Patel also advised that the PTO would vacate the outstanding Office Action, and would issue a new Office Action in conformity with the above-noted Decision.

Pursuant to the PTO's Decision in this matter, this Preliminary Amendment is being filed so as to amend certain dependent claims so that they depend solely from the elected ones of the claims. In addition, new Claims 57 to 73 have been presented; all these

claims are directed to the elected species of Figures 1 through 6, 19 and 20. Specific details of the claims can be found, for example, in Figures 3 and 5.

An action on the merits of all of Claims 1 to 10, 20 to 34, and 42 to 73 is respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael K. O'Neill", is written over a horizontal line.

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